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When I began reflecting on what I would write for this essay, I was surprised by the different ways that I have been helpful to others. I participate in different activities and programs through my school. I also participate in volunteer work outside of school in different organizations and in my neighborhood. I never really thought that my attitude and behavior at home would make such an impact on others, but my parents helped me to see that and told me how helpful I am to others as well as to them.

I am currently a board member on St. Dominic's student council. I have been involved with student council since I was in the 5th grade. Being involved in student council means that the decisions I vote for as a board member can affect the whole school. In student council, one of my duties is to take papers out to the recycling bin. That helps a lot of people. According to epa.gov, recycling paper can save energy, water, landfill space, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I feel that it is important that I be involved in my school. In addition to student council, I am engaged in the service club. The service club meets after school and works on projects to help those less fortunate. The last project we did at the service club was making placemats for the poor. Some of our other projects included making cards, sandwiches, and bags out of old shirts.

I feel like I have an easy going and friendly attitude. I believe that I have good relationships with most of my classmates and teachers. Whenever someone asks me if they can join our game I always say yes because that is what I would want them to do to me. I believe it is important to help others, regardless of who they are or what they believe in. I do not like to talk bad about others and try my best to be kind. One thing I am very proud of during my time at St. Dominic is the Walk-a-Thon. Whoever brings in the most money gets to be principal for a day. I have brought in the most money since first grade, and yes, while it is fun being principal, it is also nice to know that I just gave a lot of money to my school's PTO. I am sure that having that extra money really helps and benefits the whole school.

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Matthew 25 Ministries is my favorite place to volunteer, outside of service club. They always have different jobs for me, and the people who work there are always hospitable. Last time I went, they had my dad and me prepare hand sanitizers for hurricane relief packages. The time before that, my mom and I sorted scrubs for doctors in places where the doctors do not have any. These scrubs help to protect them from contracting diseases from patients.

At home, I cut my elderly neighbor's grass. He is getting a little too old to do it himself, so he asked me to. Every time I do it, I feel good helping him out. He does pay me to cut the grass, but I take the money he gives me and put it towards my 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. to help my parents cover the cost of the trip.

My parents are busy, both of them work full time jobs and volunteer when they can. They both coach sports for St. Dominic and have instilled in me a desire to serve others and help others when I am able to do so. I try to help them out by doing things like folding my laundry, vacuuming, or taking out the garbage. I also help to watch my two younger siblings, so my parents do not need to spend money on a babysitter for them.

I was unfamiliar with the Aubrey Rose Foundation, until I heard about this scholarship from my teachers. Now that I know more about your organization, I am very interested in participating in volunteer activities for your foundation. I hope that you will consider me for this scholarship to help pay for my tuition at Elder High School. I will be in the honors program, and I know it will be hard, but I do hope to continue to engage in service work throughout my time there. I also know that this scholarship would be a big help to my parents, who both work in the school system. Thank you for your consideration.